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Advisory Action

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Walter B Aughenbaugh

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THE REPLY FILED 12 August 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
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Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☒ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
- (c) ☒ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: see continuation sheet.

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☐ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☐ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: _____.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☒ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: none.

Claim(s) objected to: 6,7,11,24,30,31 and 48.

Claim(s) rejected: 1,3-12,14-21,23-25,27-36,38-45 and 47-50.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
10. ☐ Other: _____

ADVISORY ACTION

Acknowledgement of Applicant's Amendments

1. The After Final Amendment filed August 12, 2004 has not been entered due to the fact that the amendments raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. The combination of the compatibility enhancing agent of claims 6 and 30 with the limitations of claims 3-5 and 27-29 was not claimed prior to final rejection and therefore raises new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

Answer to Applicant's Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments regarding the objection to claims 6, 7, 11, 24, 30, 31 and 48 have been fully considered but are not persuasive. While the statement "The conductive resin composition cannot comprise any components other than those recited in the independent claims" of paragraph 6 of the Final Rejection is incorrect, the objected claims recite components that fall out of the scope delineated by the "consisting essentially of" phrase of the independent claims. It is stated in MPEP 2111.03 [R-2]

The transitional phrase "consisting essentially of" limits the scope of a claim to the specified materials or steps "and those that do not materially affect the basic and novel characteristic(s)" of the claimed invention. In re Herz, 537 F.2d 549, 551-52, 190 USPQ 461, 463 (CCPA 1976)

Applicant argues "the use of a compatibility enhancing agent does not change the fundamental properties of the claimed composition", but a blend of a polyamide resin and a low water absorption resin not having a compatibility enhancing agent as claimed necessarily has different basic properties than a blend of a polyamide resin and a low water absorption resin having a compatibility enhancing agent as claimed because the compatibilized blend is a different material from the blend without compatibility enhancing agent.

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3. Applicant's arguments regarding the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection of claims 6, 7, 30 and 31 have been fully considered but are not persuasive. Applicant's arguments depend entirely upon Applicant's regarding the objection to claims 6, 7, 11, 24, 30, 31 and 48 that have been addressed above.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Walter B. Aughenbaugh whose telephone number is 571-272-1488. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 9:00am to 6:00pm and on alternate Fridays from 9:00am to 5:00pm.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon, can be reached on 571-272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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